Adventure ① Fussing and Fighting

FAR FROM THE BUSTLING METRO-POLIS OF CASTELIA CITY IN THE UNOVA REGION...

...LIES NUVEMA TOWN. ONE EVENING...

YES! THAT'S RIGHT! I'VE MADE UP MY MIND!!

I'VE CHOSEN THREE FROM RIGHT HERE IN NUVEMA!

Juniper Pokémon Lab

THAT'S RIGHT! THE KIDS I'M GOING TO ENTRUST POKÉMON TO!!

THAT'S RIGHT! SEE YOU! GOOD NIGHT!!

...

UH-HUH! THEY'LL MEET TOMORROW MORNING.

Plonk!

TIME FOR DINNER!

MY REPORT'S FINISHED...

I BETTER PUT YOU BACK INTO YOUR POKÉ BALLS.

OH! BUT FIRST...

OSHA-WOTT...

SNIVY ...

...AND TEPIG!!

YOU THREE BETTER GO TO SLEEP EARLY SO YOU'LL BE ALL READY FOR TOMORR-

HUH?

TAP

AREN'T YOU EXCITED? I BET YOU CAN'T WAIT TO FIND OUT WHO'S GOING TO BE YOUR TRAINER!

shnif shnif

HELLO?

FEN-NEL!

rub rub

tri tri

THE PHONE AGAIN!

TA-DAH

nrrmb!

Twrrrrr!

TMP

Ta-Tump

GLOW

FOOSH

sizzle~

KRUNCH

wipe

wipe

KHNCH KHNCH KHNCH

SNIFF

grr

grr

Sni...

splat

splat

splut

Oh

Osh Osh Osh

WHAP
THWAK

swap
swap
swap
swap
swap
swap
swap
swap

HUF.
HUF.
HUF.
Osha
sha
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Osha
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sha
CH
AK

SWISHSLISHSLISH

SNAK

SNIK

K-TNK K-TNK K-TNK

fwoofwoo

zoop...

HEY!! WHAT'S GOING ON IN THERE ?!

krash swuh sssh nh!

WELL, BASICAL-LY, IT'S A DREAM—

"DREAM MIST"? WHAT'S THAT, FENNEL?

MMPH!

Mmph!

WHAT THE—!!

HUH...?!

Teh

Teh...

Teh...

Cho!

I CAN'T HELP WORRY-ING ABOUT THEM...

BOM

BOM

BOM

HAVE YOU CAUGHT A COLD, TEPIG?

shnuf shnuf

OH MY... YOU'RE SNORTING *SMOKE* OUT OF YOUR SNOUT INSTEAD OF *FIRE BALLS.*

...WITH THEIR TRAINERS?

ARE THEY READY TO FORM FRIENDSHIPS...

Adventure 2 Choices

ONE FINE MORNING IN NUVEMA TOWN...

PLUS, IT RAINED LAST NIGHT.

RTL RTL

THE WEATHER'S STARTING TO WARM UP, BUT IT'S STILL PRETTY CHILLY IN THE MORNING!

CHAK

HM... THIS MUST BE THE PACKAGE THAT...

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...I'M SUP-POSED TO DELIVER.

WHOA !!

WHAP

YIKES!!

PA-A-ACK-AGE ...

SPLASH

HEY, THAT'S RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER!

THE SHIP-PING AD-DRESS IS...

OUCH!

YOU'RE MEAN!

I'M BLACK!!

THAT'S ME!

I'VE GOT AN IMPORTANT PACKAGE TO DELIVER FOR PROF. JUNIPER TO SOME BOY NAMED "BLACK"...

NOT FUNNY!

JUST A BOY?

YES, IT IS. BUT... WHY DO YOU ASK, BLACK?

'SCUSE ME, MA'AM! THIS IS MY HOME, ISN'T IT?

THE ADDRESS... LOOKS RIGHT.

THIS IS MY HOUSE!

I'LL PROVE IT! C'MON!

WHAT THE—?!

tip tip

SURE THING!!

SIGN HERE, PLEASE.

OKAY, OKAY! HERE YOU GO.

HEAR THAT?! LET'S GO BACK!!

tip tip

YEP! I COULDN'T WAIT!!

YOU'RE DRENCHED... DON'T TELL ME YOU WERE WAITING OUT HERE ALL NIGHT?

In the downpour...

TH-THIS KID IS SCARY. LET'S SCRAM!!

RRRL RRRL

I'VE BEEN DREAMING OF THIS DAY FOR NINE YEARS!!

YAHOO!!

HURRAY!!

I didn't need to deliver it in the first place...

PAF!!

LET'S *OPEN* IT!

ALL RIGHT!

BRAV...

BRAVIARY ♂
VALIANT POKÉMON
NICKNAME: BRAV

MUSHA ...

MUNNA ♂
DREAM EATER POKÉMON
NICKNAME: MUSHA

...IS OUR *NEW* FRIEND!

INSIDE THIS BOX...

...AND HELP US WIN THE POKÉMON LEAGUE CHAMPION-SHIP!

A FRIEND WHO WILL FIGHT BY OUR SIDE...

Snivy

Oshawott

AND I GET TO CHOOSE ***WHICHEVER ONE*** I LIKE!!

WHOA! THEY ***ALL*** LOOK GOOD ...!!

AH-CHOO!!

HUH ...?

THIS POKÉDEX IS MINE TOO!! *BRRR!!* I'M SO HAPPY I'M GETTING CHILLS!

srif srif

shvr shvr

AH... AH...

THESE CHILLS... I REALLY DO FEEL COLD... AH...

BOM

BOM

BOM

Hmph!

splish

WHY SO UNFRIENDLY ...?

?

Whap

Wipe Wipe!

THEY'RE *SCRAP-PING* !!

SLAPWHAPBOP

WHOA !!

YEAH, THAT'S ALL IT IS!! GO FOR IT!!

IT'S NATURAL FOR THEM TO TUSSLE WHEN THEY'RE ALL REVVED UP!!

WELL, POKÉMON ARE BORN FIGHTERS, AFTER ALL!!

WHACK

THUNK

bap bap bap

TA-TUMP

COME BACK HERE, YOU!!

HEY !!

OH!!

WHAT'S GOING ON?! CHEREN! BIANCA!!

W-WHAT IN THE WORLD HAPPENED HERE?!

WE WAITED AND WAITED, BUT NO POKÉMON CAME!

YOU PROMISED TO DELIVER THESE POKÉMON TO US TODAY!

...PROF. JUNIPER!

I SHOULD BE ASKING THE QUESTIONS...

IT APPEARS THE PACKAGE WAS OPENED RIGHT HERE...

BUT BLACK WASN'T HOME LAST NIGHT...

...TO PICK UP THE PACKAGE AND TAKE IT TO BLACK'S HOUSE.

I HAD WORK TO DO, SO I ARRANGED FOR A DELIVERY-MAN...

AND SNIVY AND OSHAWOTT ARE ALL MUDDY AND BEAT UP.

THESE TWO VALUABLE POKÉDEXES ARE SOAKING WET!

HEY! CHEREN!!

?

AND WHERE IS TEPIG AND THE THIRD POKÉDEX ?!!

WHERE IS BLACK ANYWAY?!

I'VE GOT SOME QUES-TIONS TOO...

HERE'S YOUR SNIVY.

PROF. JUNIPER TOLD US TO CHOOSE ONE OF THE THREE...

I BET THE TEPIG IS WITH BLACK.

You think we're twins?

Nngh! I hate it when things don't go according to plan!

LET'S GO FIND BLACK AND TEPIG.

BIANCA! HOW COME *YOU* GET TO CHOOSE MY POKÉMON FOR ME?!

I'LL TAKE THE OSHA-WOTT!!

WELL... THAT SNIVY KINDA ***LOOKS*** LIKE YOU, CHEREN.

HMPH. YOU'RE SUCH A DITZ!

SWD
SWD
SWD
SWD
EH?
MINCCINO! CLEAN UP THIS MESS FOR ME!!
BOOM
TEPIG'S HEADING IN THIS DIRECTION! FOLLOW THE TRACKS!
...TEPIG TRACKS!
HOLD ON! THOSE ARE...
COME ON! COME DOWN HERE!

BOTH OF YOU! SHH!

SHUSH!

IT *IS* DANGER-OUS!

OOH, THAT LOOKS DANGER-OUS.

YOU COULD HAVE WHIPPED 'EM IF YOU WEREN'T SICK, HUH? IS THAT WHAT YOU'RE THINKING?

SOUNDS LIKE YOU'VE GOT A COLD.

HAHAHA... *I'VE* GOT A COLD *TOO*. JUST LIKE YOU!

AH-CHOO!!

YOU GOT FRUS-TRATED, SO YOU RAN AWAY...

YOU THINK THE OTHER TWO GANGED UP ON YOU...

YOU'RE SULKING, AREN'T YOU?

SNIFF

'CAUSE I...

...LIKE YOU.

I'M GONNA CHOOSE YOU!

NICE TO MEET-CHA.

MY NAME IS BLACK.

SHU

SHU

TUP

SHP SHP SHP SHP SHP

THE SHOTS ARE COMING SO FAST THEY CAN'T TELL WHERE THEY'RE COMING FROM!!

IT *IS* BAD!

OOH, THIS LOOKS BAD!

SHP SHP SHP SHP

SOME-THING'S ATTACK-ING US!!

WHAT ?!

GOOD.

...AND SEND YOU OFF ON A JOURNEY TO FILL YOUR POKÉDEXES WITH DATA.

UH-HUH!

I WAS GOING TO GIVE EACH OF YOU A POKÉDEX AND ONE OF THE THREE POKÉMON...

...BUT YOU RECOM-MENDED HIM SO STRONGLY THAT I CHOSE HIM TO BE THE THIRD MEMBER OF YOUR TRIO.

I DON'T KNOW BLACK VERY WELL...

...I'LL FOR-GIVE AND FOR-GET!

...IF HE CAN HANDLE THIS SITUATION WITHOUT ANY HELP...

BUT ...

TO BE HONEST... I WAS GOING TO ASK HIM TO STEP DOWN BECAUSE HE MADE SUCH A MESS OF THINGS.

?

...TO BE IM-PRESSED!

PRE-PARE ...

LOOK !

?!

MU-SHA !!

THINK!

WHAT KIND OF ATTACK IS THAT?!

AND WHERE IS IT HIDING?!

WHAT POKÉMON IS ATTACK-ING US?!

THINK!

smak smak

A---EEE...!!!

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HE LIVES AND BREATHES HIS DREAM, YOU SEE... THERE ISN'T ANY SPACE LEFT FOR THINKING ABOUT OTHER STUFF!

You had that prepared!

Here's a visual aid.

DREAM

ALLOW ME TO EXPLAIN... BLACK'S HEAD IS FULL TO THE BRIM WITH HIS DREAM OF WINNING THE POKÉMON LEAGUE...

TO-TALLY BLANK ...

MUSHA HELPS HIM WIPE HIS MIND BLANK...

...TO EMPTY HIS HEAD.

SO WHENEVER HE NEEDS TO THINK SOMETHING THROUGH, HE HAS MUSHA ***EAT*** HIS ***DREAM***...

MUNN

BLANK.

THEN HIS BLANK MIND TURNS... BLACK.

...HE CAN TAKE IN WHATEVER'S IN FRONT OF HIM.

AND ONCE HIS MIND IS BLANK...

...IS GETTING ATTACKED BY...

TEPIG...

...TO SOLID BLACK!!

FROM BLANK WHITE...

...I'VE GOT IT!!

SO WE'LL FIND THE ATTACKER WHER-EVER THERE'S A BIG CLUMP OF LEAVES!!

...SOME-ONE STRIPPED OFF ITS LEAVES!!

BUT THE TREE TEPIG CLIMBED IS PRAC-TICALLY BARE!! THAT MEANS...

...ARE THICK WITH LEAVES.

ALL THESE TREES ...

...THERE !

BRAV !!

fwabba fwap!!

fwabba fwap!!

FWAPPA

hiss

LOOK OU-

IT'S A SEWING POKÉMON THAT MAKES CLOTHES OUT OF LEAVES!!

046 Sewaddle
Sewing Pokémon
BUG GRASS
HT 1'00"
WT 5.5 lbs.
This Pokémon makes clothes for itself. It chews up leaves and sews them with sticky thread extruded from its mouth.

THE SEWING POKÉMON! SEWADDLE !!

...HOW IT WORKS ?!

KLK

THE POKÉDEX IS REACTING TO IT!! IS THIS...

slish slish slish slish

SEWADDLE WAS COLLECTING LEAVES IN THAT TREE!

IT MUST BE MAD BECAUSE IT THINKS TEPIG IS INVADING ITS TERRITORY!

BOUNCE

TA-TUMP

TA

TA

TA

TA-TUMP

SH

WHAT QUICK REFLEXES! AND SO AGILE! AMAZING !!

WOW !!

WHUMP

Ta-tu mp

ゴゴゴ

WILL YOU ACCEPT ME AS YOUR TRAINER?

SO? HOW ABOUT IT?

?

HERE GOES ...

AWESOME! OKAY, NOW THAT YOU'RE ONE OF US... YOU GET TO JOIN IN WITH SOMETHING I DO EVERY DAY.

HOOO!

AAAAAA

READY OR NOT, HERE I COME !!!

YOU TOO, ELITE FOUR !!

WATCH OUT, REIGN-ING CHAMPI-ON!!

I'M REALLY, REALLY, REALLY GONNA WIN IT!!!

I'M GOING TO THE POKÉMON LEAGUE CHAMPION-SHIP AND I'M GONNA *WIN*!!!

MU-SHA !!

LET'S GO!! BRAV!!

HE'S GONE ALL RIGHT.

Without even so much as a "by your leave"...

GONE...

HE'S GONE.

fwap

fwap

fwap

DID ALL THE COMMOTION THIS MORNING MAKE THE POKÉDEXES MALFUNCTION ...?

WHAT ...?!

ME NEITHER.

HUH? I CAN'T TURN MY POKÉ-DEX ON.

I'M COUNTING ON YOU TWO AS WELL!

WELL, THAT WAS RATHER CHAOTIC, BUT... IT APPEARS AS THOUGH MY PLAN IS STILL ON TRACK.

YEP.

YES.

OH NO!

DOES THIS MEAN... ...THE ONLY WORKING POKÉDEX... IS BLACK'S?!

Adventure 3
A Nickname for Tepig

YOU TOO, SNIVY... TACKLE!

OSHA-WOTT! USE TACKLE!

BONG

ka-SWAP

OOF.

SWAP

SWAP

SWAP

SWAP

CHEREN, HOW COULD YOU...?

sha osha

THAT HURT !

sha osha sha

ARE YOU OKAY, BIANCA?

...OH.

UH...

WAAAH!

I WILL NEVER EVER FOR-GIVE YOU FOR THIS !!!

trmbl trmbl

SWIP SWIP

WAAAH!

whack whack whack whack whack

BIANCA! STOP HITTING ME!

THIS ROOM IS A MESS!

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING WAGING A POKÉMON BATTLE IN MY LIVING ROOM?!

BE

QUI

ET!!

POKÉ-MON ARE SO *POWER-FUL!*

KONK

WOW ...

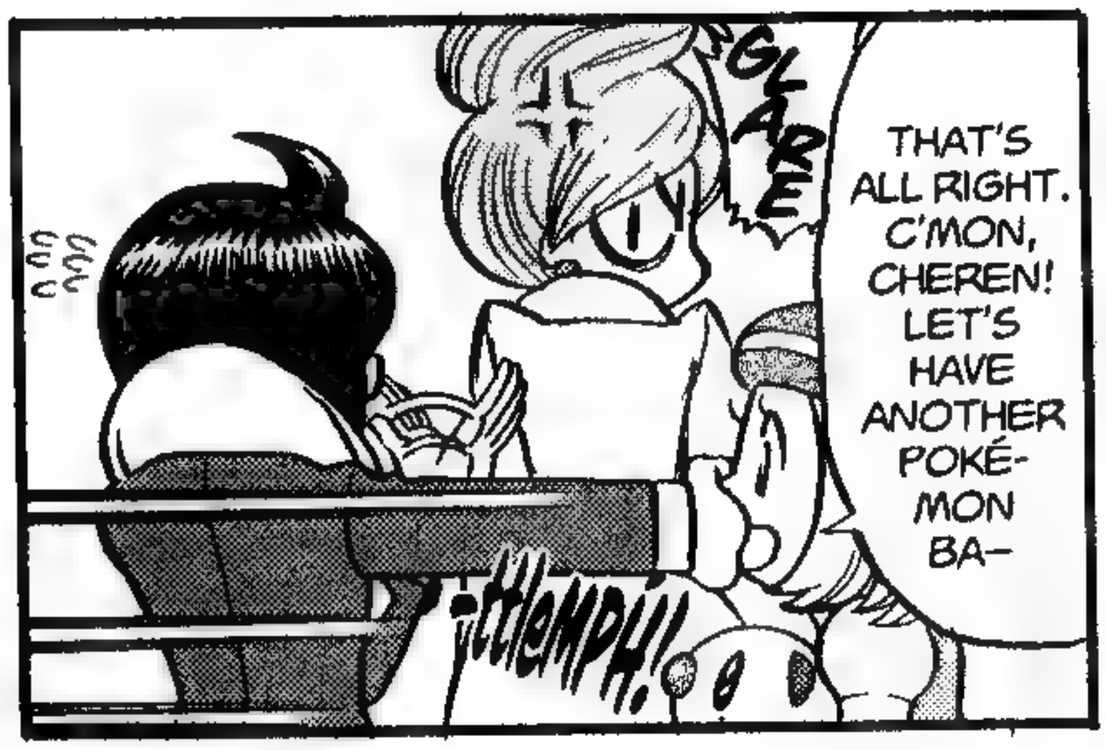
NEVER MIND...

HEY! YOU HAVE TO APOLO-GIZE TOO!

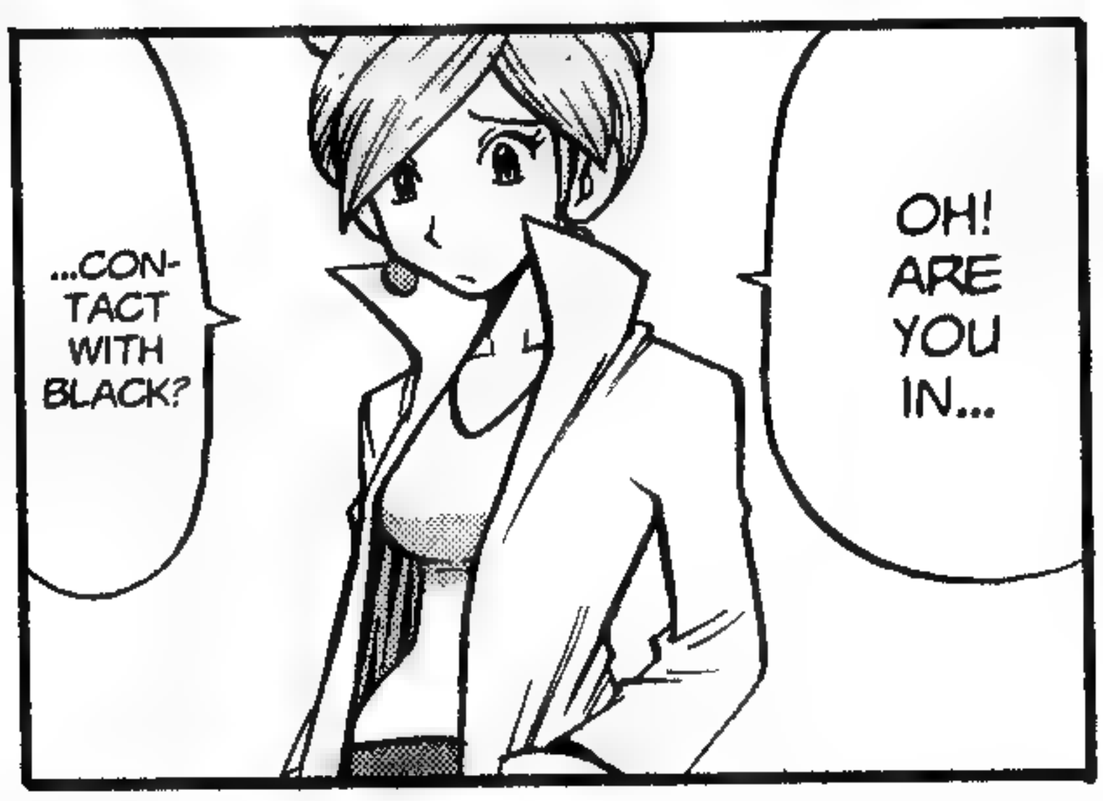
BIANCA JUST COULDN'T WAIT FOR THE POKÉDEXES TO BE FIXED...

I'M SO, SO SORRY, PROF. JUNI-PER.

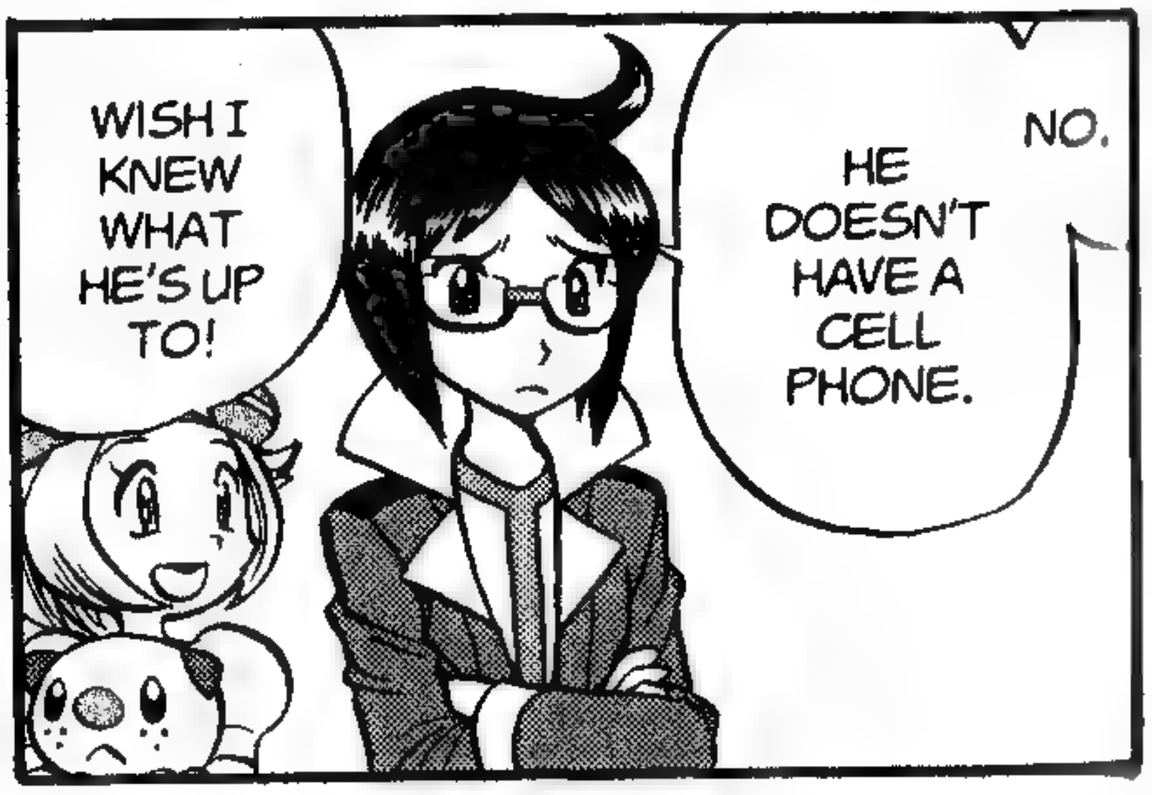
BUT SO SMALL! I LOVE MY NEW POKÉMON FRIENDS!

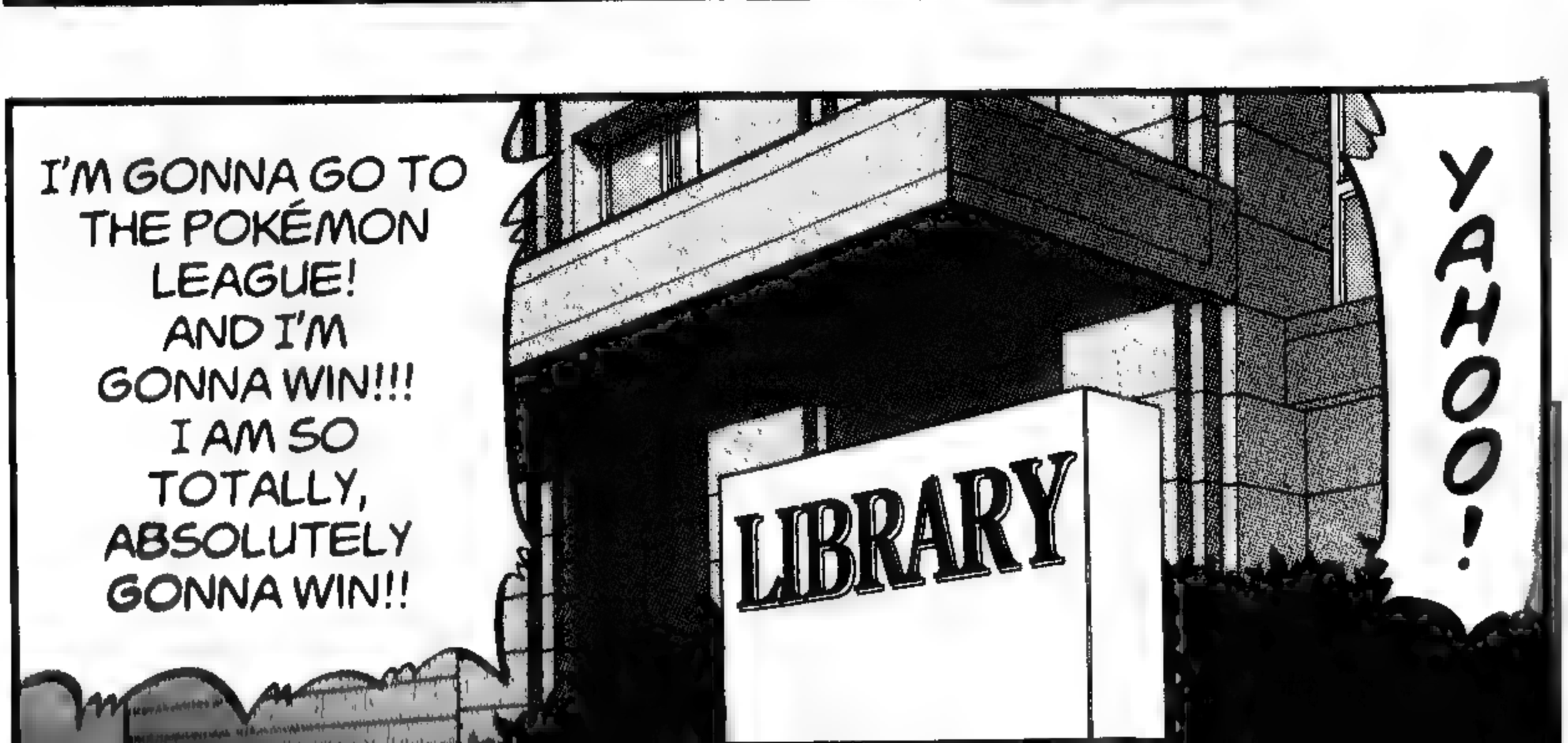

GLARE
THAT'S ALL RIGHT. C'MON, CHEREN! LET'S HAVE ANOTHER POKÉ-MON BA-
HMPH!!

THE POKÉ-DEXES...
...HAVEN'T BEEN RE-PAIRED YET?
IT'S TAKING LONGER THAN I THOUGHT.


...CON-TACT WITH BLACK?
OH! ARE YOU IN...

...
...OR BURIED UP TO HIS EARS IN TEPIG RESEARCH.
WHAT ELSE? HE'S EITHER ANNOUNCING HIS DREAM TO ANYONE WHO DOESN'T WANT TO LISTEN...


WISH I KNEW WHAT HE'S UP TO!
NO.
HE DOESN'T HAVE A CELL PHONE.


I'M GONNA GO TO THE POKÉMON LEAGUE! AND I'M GONNA WIN!!! I AM SO TOTALLY, ABSOLUTELY GONNA WIN!!
LIBRARY
YAHOO!

MAR-SHAL...

CAIT-LIN...

GRIM-SLEY...

WATCH OUT...

...ELITE FOUR-SHAUN-TAL...

YOU TOO, ALDER-REIGNING CHAMPION.

HMM... THE EVOLVED FORM OF EPIG ISN'T IN THIS BOOK EITHER.

MOV-ING ON...

AHAHAHA! I KNOW I'M IN A LIBRARY, BUT I JUST CAN'T HELP MYSELF...

SHUSSSH!!!

...UNTIL I FIND OUT WHAT KIND OF POKÉMON YOU'RE GOING TO EVOLVE INTO.

I CAN'T GIVE YOU A GOOD NICK-NAME...

HUH? BE PATIENT.

OKAY, NEXT...

...YOU WOULDN'T WANT A NAME THAT FITS THE FORM YOU'RE IN NOW, WOULD YOU?

IF YOU'RE GOING TO BECOME A BIG TOUGH POKÉMON...

COME BACK HERE, TEPIG!

W-WHAT'S THE MAT-TER?

H-HUH?

HMM... BUT MAYBE YOU'RE ONE OF THOSE POKÉMON THAT DOESN'T EVOLVE...

HE NAMED HIS BRAVIARY "BRAV" BACK WHEN IT WAS STILL A RUFFLET.

HE NAMED HIS MUNNA "MUSHA" BECAUSE HE FOUND OUT IT WAS GOING TO EVOLVE INTO A MUSHARNA SOMEDAY.

YES. HE HAS A MUNNA AND BRAVIARY ALREADY.

I SEE... HE LOOKS UP WHAT POKÉMON THEY'LL EVOLVE INTO AND BASES THEIR NICKNAMES ON THAT?

THAT'S JUST THE KIND OF BOY BLACK IS.

HMM... HOW UNUSUAL.

...TO PREPARE TO FOLLOW HIS DREAM.

HE'S ALWAYS DOING RESEARCH...

...FOR NINE YEARS FOR THIS DAY!

AND HE'S BEEN PREPARING...

BLACK LIVED IN ANOTHER TOWN, BUT HE USED TO COME TO NUVEMA TOWN A LOT TO PLAY.

WE THREE HAVE BEEN FRIENDS SINCE WE WERE LITTLE.

GROWN-UPS HAVE POKÉMON BATTLES TO SEE WHO'S THE BEST!

CHEREN! GUESS WHAT?

BUT BLACK GOT MORE AND MORE INTO IT...

...STAGING MAKE-BELIEVE POKÉMON BATTLES.

AT FIRST, WE JUST PRETEND-ED...

WANNA TRY? WE COULD BORROW YOUR PARENTS' POKÉMON.

SOUNDS FUN-

SURE! LET'S DO IT!

Hf.

Hf.

Hf.

Hf.

GUESS WHAT? I'VE MADE UP MY MIND!

I'M GONNA BECOME THE BEST POKÉMON TRAINER EVER!

THAT'S RIGHT.

BUT THAT WAS ONLY THE *BEGINNING*...

Ya-hoo!

HOW CUTE. I LIKE A CHILD WITH AMBI-TION.

...TO BECOME THE BEST TRAINER. AND THEN...

BLACK WENT OFF ON HIS OWN AND RESEARCHED HOW...

WHEN? WHERE?

SO THEN HE RE-SEARCHED THE TIME AND LOCATION OF THE CHAMPION-SHIP...

...FOUND OUT WHAT THE ENTRY QUALIFI-CATIONS ARE...

Collect 8 Gym Badges.

THE TOP TRAINER IS THE CHAMPION OF THE POKÉMON LEAGUE!

...AND DREW UP A STRATEGY FOR SUCCESS!

Pokémon League Victory Plan

CHECK THIS OUT...

CHEREN! BIANCA! I'VE GOT IT!!

...OF POKÉMON GYMS. AND TO FIGHT THE GYM LEADERS, YOU HAVE TO VISIT THEIR GYMS IN DIFFERENT TOWNS ALL OVER THE UNOVA REGION.

TO GET THE GYM BADGES, YOU HAVE TO DEFEAT THE GYM LEADERS...

YOU HAVE TO DEFEAT THE ELITE FOUR AND THE REIGNING CHAMPION AT THE POKÉMON LEAGUE.

RIGHT. WE'LL HAVE TO GO ON A ***TRAINING JOURNEY!*** YAY!

THAT MEANS YOU'LL HAVE TO TRAVEL FAR AWAY...

BUT FIRST, TO QUALIFY TO CHALLENGE THOSE FIVE, YOU HAFTA COLLECT ALL EIGHT GYM BADGES.

I'VE GOTTA FIGURE OUT A WAY TO CONVINCE THEM...

BUT IF I DON'T GO ON A JOURNEY I CAN'T VISIT THE POKÉMON GYMS, AND IF I DON'T VISIT THE POKÉMON GYMS, I CAN'T ENTER THE POKÉMON LEAGUE!

THAT COULD BE A PROBLEM. PLUS, I'VE GOT KINDER-GARTEN...

BUT... WILL YOUR MOM AND DAD LET YOU TRAVEL ALL BY YOURSELF, BLACK?

HMM ...

YOU'RE RIGHT! HE'S A SUPER FAMOUS POKÉMON RESEARCHER.

OH, LOOK!

OUR NEIGH-BOR'S ON TV!

I have a better idea! Blah, blah...

How about this? Blah, blah...

YES. I'M REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO IT.

REALLY? A NEW POKÉDEX IS UNDER DEVELOPMENT, PROF. JUNIPER?

I SEE. DOES THIS MEAN YOU'LL BE GOING ON A JOURNEY TO COLLECT DATA?

I'M TOLD IT'S A HIGH-TECH INSTRUMENT THAT GATHERS INFORMATION ON THE POKÉMON YOU ENCOUNTER.

OH, I THINK NOT...

BETTER LEAVE THAT TO THE YOUNG FOLK!

HELPING A FAMOUS RESEARCH-ER...

Sproing

THIS IS MY BIG BREAK!

...IS THE PERFECT EXCUSE FOR GOING ON A TRAINING JOURNEY.

BLACK! I CAN'T SEE!

HEY! YOUR HOUSE WAS JUST ON THE SCREEN FOR A SECOND, CHEREN!

BUT WE'RE STILL TOO YOUNG TO GO ON A–

TAKE ME TO HIS HOUSE, CHEREN!

I COULDN'T BELIEVE HE PULLED IT OFF! BLACK WENT HOME THAT VERY DAY AND CONVINCED HIS PARENTS...

WHEN BLACK SETS HIS MIND TO SOMETHING, NOTHING CAN STOP HIM!

...TO MOVE TO NUVEMA TOWN.

Poor Black!

REALLY?! I NEVER NOTICED...

NEVER MIND...

AFTER THAT, HE TRIED ***EVERYTHING*** TO GET THE PROFESSOR TO NOTICE HIM...

HE STAGED POKÉMON BATTLES EVERY DAY IN FRONT OF YOUR HOUSE, PROF. JUNIPER.

YOU'RE RIGHT.

BUT IF WE WAIT TILL AFTER YOU FIX *OUR* POKÉ-DEXES...

I'LL GO AFTER HIM AND GIVE HIM THE MES-SAGE.

ANYHOW, I HAVE TO GET IN TOUCH WITH BLACK TO TELL HIM HE HAS OUR ONLY WORKING POKÉDEX. HE NEEDS TO TAKE EXTRA GOOD CARE OF IT!

SURE!

ALL RIGHT.

IT WOULD BE BEST IF YOU FOUND BLACK RIGHT AWAY.

WOULD YOU DO THAT FOR *ME?*

UH-OH!

BIA-A-AN-CA-A!

HE'S PROB-ABLY HEAD-ING FOR–

BLACK WOULD BE FOLLOWING A ROUTE TO A POKÉMON GYM...

IN HERE ...?

HEY! TE-E-EPI-I-IG!

MEAN-WHILE, BLACK...

VIP

...BECAUSE I WANT TO GIVE IT A NAME TO MATCH ITS EVOLVED FORM...

I WONDER IF TEPIG THINKS I DON'T LIKE IT THE WAY IT IS...

THERE YOU ARE!

COME OUT!

YOU SURE LIKE TO SULK!

...YOU COULD STARTLE A WILD POKÉMON AND GET ATTACKED!

HEY! IF YOU SHOUT LIKE THAT IN HERE...

PIII

ASH

FWSH

SWSH

FWSH

SWSH

FWSH

SWSH

WHAT DID I TELL YOU....?

GOOD FOR YOU!

ARE YOU TRYING TO PROVE HOW TOUGH YOU ARE?

YOU'RE *TRYING* TO PICK A FIGHT WITH THAT WILD POKÉ-MON?

WHAT ?

PIPI

KRAK

BUT...

TEPIG CAN'T WIN WITHOUT ANY KNOWL-EDGE OF ITS OPPO-NENT!

TEPIG'S OPPONENT SEEMS EVEN *TOUGHER!*

CHOP

-SIGH-

BLANK ...

...I NEED TO MAKE MY MIND TOTALLY BLANK...

MNCH

MNCH

TO FIND THE WILD POKÉ-MON HIDING IN THE DARK...

GOT IT!

WHITE NOISE TURNS TO BLACK...

THE CLUES FLOW INTO MY HEAD...

THE POKÉMON TEPIG IS FIGHTING AGAINST IS...

HOW CAN I PASS ON THE INFO ...?

AND I DON'T WANT TEPIG TO LOSE FACE.

BUT TEPIG IS FIGHTING TO SHOW ME IT'S GOT WHAT IT TAKES.

NOW I KNOW WHO THE WILD POKÉ-MON IS!

CHUK

I'VE GOT IT!

THUD

OK

SZZL
SZZL
SZZL

FOOSH

FWAP
FWAP
FWAP

KLOP

033 Woobat
Bat Pokémon
PSYCHIC
FLYING
HT 1'04"
WT 4.6 lbs.
Suction from its nostrils enables it to stick to cave walls during sleep. It leaves a heart-shaped mark behind.
INFO AREA CRY FORMS

IT'S A WOOBAT. A PSYCHIC-AND-FLYING-TYPE POKÉMON.

GOOD JOB! YOU CAUGHT THE CLUE I GAVE YOU, TEPIG.

bump

bonk

bonk

bump

GREAT MOVE!

A WOOBAT CAN'T FLY PROPERLY WHEN ITS NOSE IS PLUGGED.

KLOP

SHNK

TP!

SCRUNCH

YOU CAN'T STAND LOSING, CAN YOU? YOU SURE HAVE A STRONG FIGHTING INSTINCT!

TEPIG LOOKS SO PROUD!

Grin

SO I'LL...

...

...

YOU'RE GONNA GET *EVEN STRONGER* WHEN YOU EVOLVE.

I HAVEN'T THE FOGGIEST WHAT YOU'RE GONNA EVOLVE INTO, BUT AFTER WATCHING THAT FIGHT, I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE IT!

I WANT YOU BY MY SIDE WHILE I FOLLOW THAT DREAM...

...TEP!

I CAN FEEL IT IN MY BONES! WE'RE ONE STEP CLOSER TO WINNING THE POKÉMON LEAGUE!

STRIATON GYM HAS TRIPLET GYM LEADERS!

FIRST STOP– STRIATON CITY.

BUT FIRST... WE'VE GOTTA VISIT THE POKÉMON GYMS.

NO FAIR!

WA-A-A-H!

MEAN-WHILE, BACK HOME...

...AND ANOTHER KID ISN'T READY ON THE DAY OF HER DEPARTURE.

HMPH... ONE KID PREPARED FOR HIS TRAINING JOURNEY FOR NINE YEARS WITH THE SUPPORT OF HIS FAMILY...

LEGGO OF ME! I WANNA GO-O-O!

IT'S A DANGEROUS WORLD OUT THERE! YOU'RE MUCH TOO IMMATURE TO HANDLE IT!!

I WON'T ALLOW IT! YOU'RE NOT GOING ON A TRAINING JOURNEY TO GATHER POKÉMON DATA!

HOW LONG TILL WE LEAVE?

NO IDEA.

I SAID NO! AND I MEAN NO!

Adventure 4
Black's First Trainer Battle

TEP! LISTEN UP!

WE HAVE TO LEARN TO WORK TOGETHER... TO COMBINE OUR BATTLE SKILLS IN NEW WAYS.

YOU'RE THE THIRD POKÉMON ON MY TEAM.

WE CAN FIGHT EACH OTHER.

■ Battle Practice
① Practice on your own

FIRST! PRAC-TICE ON YOUR OWN!

GOT IT?

GOOD!

THERE ARE THREE WAYS TO TRAIN.

WE CAN FIGHT WILD POKÉMON WE RUN INTO WHEN WE'RE WALKING THROUGH THE TALL GRASS— OR WHEREVER.

② Practice against wild Pokémon

SEC-OND! PRACTICE AGAINST WILD POKÉ-MON.

THAT'S CALLED A **TRAINER** BATTLE!

IN OTHER WORDS... WE CAN CHALLENGE WHOEVER WE MEET WHO HAS POKÉMON WE WANT TO TEST OURSELVES AGAINST TO A POKÉMON BATTLE.

WE CAN FIGHT OTHER POKÉMON TRAINERS THAT WE MEET ON OUR JOURNEY.

I'VE NEVER FOUGHT A TRAINER BATTLE WITH ANYONE BEFORE.

THERE'S ONLY ONE PROBLEM WITH THIS PLAN...

ALL I COULD DO TO TRAIN IS HAVE BRAV AND MUSHA FIGHT AGAINST EACH OTHER. OR GO OUT INTO THE TALL GRASS TO SECRETLY BATTLE WILD POKÉMON.

SOME PEOPLE THINK POKÉMON BATTLES ARE UNCIVI-LIZED.

IT'S NOT LIKE I COULD HAVE A FULL-FLEDGED BATTLE IN THE MIDDLE OF MY TOWN...

THEY ALWAYS REFUSED TO FIGHT A POKÉMON BATTLE WITH ME.

BIANCA'S PARENTS ARE SUPER STRICT. AND CHEREN IS ALWAYS WOR-RIED ABOUT WHAT THE GROWN-UPS THINK OF HIM.

...I BET I'LL MEET LOTS OF TRAINERS LIKE ME WHO WANT TO IMPROVE THEIR TECHNIQUE!!

BUT NOW THAT I'VE STARTED ON MY TRAINING JOUR-NEY...

ISN'T THERE A TRAINER ANYWHERE OUT THERE WHO WANTS TO ACCEPT MY CHAL-LENGE...?!

HEL-LO-O-O-O!!

I GUESS THERE AREN'T MANY TRAINERS AROUND HERE...

COME OUT, COME OUT, POKÉMON TRAINERS— WHEREVER YOU ARE!!

I'M READY TO BATTLE *ANYONE* WITH *ANY* POKÉMON!!

Route 1

WE'RE AT THE END OF ROUTE 1... ALMOST TO ACCU-MULA TOWN.

Boing

WHAT THE-?!

D-DID THAT ROCK JUST... *MOVE?!*

!!

I HEARD YOU CALL OUT, YOUNG MAN.

PAF PAF

HE'S *HUGE* ...!!

...YOUR CHAL-LENGE.

I AC-CEPT...

THE NAME'S ANDY! I'M A HIKER!!

bom

bom

BOM!

EX-ACTLY!

YOU MEAN... YOU'RE A POKÉMON TRAINER?!

R-RE-ALLY?!

THAT'S A FINE GOAL YOU'VE GOT THERE!

VERY WELL, I'LL FIGHT YOU!!

GULP

MY FIRST TRAINER BATTLE... EVER!!

Y-YES, I DID!

MY GOAL? TO WIN THE CHAMPION-SHIP AT THE POKÉMON LEAGUE!!

YOUNG MAN!

WHAT IS YOUR GOAL IN LIFE?!

DIDN'T YOU JUST PROFFER A CHAL-LENGE TO A POKÉ-MON BATTLE?

ROG-
GEN-
ROLA
!!

COT-
TON-
EE!

BLIT-
ZLE!

SFX: FSH

MY THREE POKÉ-MON!!

GO!!

FSH

FSH

...A TRI-PLE BAT-TLE !!

Triple Battle

THIS IS...

flip flip flip

TH-THREE AT ONCE?!

GET READY !!

TEP, BRAV, MUSHA ...!!

THIS MAN MUST BE A VERY EXPERIENCED TRAINER TO USE SUCH A NEW COMPLICATED BATTLE STYLE!!

THIS IS THE NEWEST BATTLE STYLE. IT JUST GOT ADDED TO THE OFFICIAL RULEBOOK...

...OF THE POKÉMON ASSOCIATION!!

DON'T PANIC, TEP!

paw

paw

ZOOM

YOU'VE STUD-IED HARD, YOUNG MAN.

ROGGEN-ROLA, ROCK SLIDE!!

BLIT-ZLE, TAIL WHIP!!

COT-TONEE, RAZOR LEAF!!

SARSHA

SNIK SNIK SNIK SNIK

FINE! THEN I'LL...

TEP! FLAME CHARGE!!

MUSHA! PSYBEAM!!

BRAV! AERIAL ACE!!

ZEEEEF

FW

SLSH

SLASH

SLASH

A BATTLE FEELS SO DIFFERENT WHEN IT'S AGAINST ANOTHER REAL-LIVE TRAINER! THE POKÉMON ATTACKS ARE VERY PRECISE!!

WOW ...

I DID IT!!

Heh ...

I'VE NEVER FOUGHT A BATTLE ANYTHING LIKE THIS BEFORE! I CAN LEARN SO MUCH, BUT...

I SEE... THOSE ATTACKS CAN STRIKE MORE THAN ONE POKÉ-MON AT A TIME!!

...AND RAZOR LEAF STRUCK TEP AND BRAV...

ROCK SLIDE HIT MUSHA AND BRAV...

...WIN ?

...CAN I...

CHAK!!

LET'S START OFF BY DEFEATING COTTONEE!! FLAME CHARGE!!

TEP'S POSITION LOOKS TO BE JUST RIGHT!!

AND TEP IS STAND-ING RIGHT ACROSS FROM COT-TON-EE!

I THINK COTTONEE IS A GRASS-TYPE POKÉ-MON...

FOOSH!!

BUT TAKE THIS ...!!

OOH!! THAT'S A GOOD MOVE...!!

NNGH!!

KRK KRK KRK

UM...

OH...

KRAKL

HUH?! WHAT ?!

IT'S LIKE A SAUNA OUT HERE!! I CAN'T STAND IT!!

AIEEE!! I CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE!! IT'S TOO HOT!!

DA SH

GLUB GLUB GLUB GLUB

H-HEY!! WE'RE IN THE MID-DLE OF A BAT-TLE!!

FWAP

OOPS.

THAT WAS RE-FRESH-ING!!

PHEW !!

OH NO !!

gasp

gasp

SLUMP

WAHH! I...

OH.

...AGAIN !!!

I LOST !!

YOUNG MAN...

W-W-WAIT! WHY?! WHY WOULD YOU DO THAT?!

WHAT?!

IT'S NO USE. I MIGHT AS WELL RETIRE.

TWENTY YEARS...

IT'S BEEN TWENTY YEARS SINCE I FIRST DREAMED OF ENTERING THE POKÉMON LEAGUE... AND I HAVE YET TO SUCCEED!

THE TRUTH IS... I PRETEND I'M CONFIDENT WHEN I BEGIN A BATTLE, BUT... I'M A ROTTEN TRAINER.

BUT... I ALWAYS GAVE UP PARTWAY THERE.

I STARTED COLLECTING BADGES WHEN I WAS ABOUT YOUR AGE... I DREAMED THAT ONE DAY I WOULD COMPETE IN THE POKÉMON LEAGUE!

DID YOU KNOW YOU NEED EIGHT GYM BADGES TO ENTER THE POKÉMON LEAGUE?!

OF COURSE!

AND I'D END UP AS A SPECTATOR IN THE STANDS WATCHING THE OTHER TRAINERS WHO GOT IN. PATHETIC.

THE POKÉMON LEAGUE WOULD START...

I WOULDN'T HAVE FINISHED COLLECTING THE BADGES...

BUT TODAY I GOT DEFEATED BY A YOUNG MAN WHO NEVER EVEN FOUGHT A TRAINER BATTLE BEFORE!

NOWADAYS, I SPEND MY DAYS WAITING FOR TRAINERS TO PASS BY ON ROUTE 1. I ONLY CHALLENGE PEOPLE I THINK I CAN'T POSSIBLY LOSE AGAINST. PITIFUL.

YEAR AFTER YEAR IT WAS THE SAME, UNTIL... FINALLY I STARTED TO GIVE UP ON MY DREAM.

Route 1

THAT'S THE PROB-LEM!!

ONLY BECAUSE YOU RAN OFF IN THE MIDDLE OF OUR BATTLE, MR. ANDY!

NO, NO, NO!!

I'VE GOT NO CHOICE BUT TO RETIRE IF I CAN'T EVEN FINISH A BATTLE!

SNIFF

WHENEVER MY OPPONENT USES A FIRE-TYPE ATTACK, I GET ALL WOOZY AND THIRSTY AND... I JUST CAN'T KEEP MY FOCUS ON THE BATTLE.

AS YOU CAN SEE, I CAN'T HANDLE HEAT...

LOOK ...

I DON'T THINK THEY DO...

WHAT ABOUT *THEIR* DREAMS? MAYBE THEY STILL DREAM OF QUALIFYING FOR THE POKÉMON LEAGUE! HAVE YOU THOUGHT OF THAT?

WHAT'LL HAPPEN TO YOUR POKÉMON IF YOU GIVE UP ON YOUR DREAM?!

IT'S SICK AND TIRED OF ITS DISAPPOINTING TRAINER.

MY COTTONEE...

...WON'T EVEN COME NEAR ME THESE DAYS.

THAT'S WEIRD... THE BATTLE'S OVER...

OH! YOUNG MAN, YOU'RE SWEATING LIKE MAD!

IT'S STILL PRETTY HOT, ACTUALLY...

drip drip

...

FOOOOSH

!!

THAT FIELD IS COMPLETELY IN FLAMES!! WHEN DID THIS HAPPEN?!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, YOUNG MAN?!

MUSHA! I'M READY !!

BRAV! HELP ME!

WOOP

MR. ANDY AND I DON'T HAVE ANY WATER-TYPE POKÉMON...

WAIT...! I BETTER FIND A WAY TO PUT IT OUT FIRST!

OKAY... THE SOURCE OF THE FIRE IS...

BUT THERE'S A RIVER NEARBY!! THAT'S IT!!

!!

AFTER ALL, YOU'RE STRONG ENOUGH TO...

GRAB

HOLD TIGHT !!

tup

YES! YOU CAN DO IT!!

BRAV!! CAN YOU CARRY THAT BIG ROCK?!

9ft 9ft

...PICK UP A CAR AND ...

GRRR GRRR GRRR

...FLY WITH IT!!

GRAB

DROP THE ROCK FROM AS HIGH UP AS YOU CAN!! STRAIGHT INTO THE RIVER!

IT'S NO USE, YOUNG MAN...! IT'S TOO HOT. I CAN'T THINK STRAIGHT!

LISTEN, I NEED YOUR HELP! YOU HAVE TO PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER!!

HUF HUF

SPLA...

THAT'S WHERE YOU COME IN, MR. ANDY!! WE NEED YOUR COTTONEE!!

WATER...! BUT IT'S TOO FAR AWAY!!

SPLAASH

HAVE YOUR COTTONEE SHOOT OUT AS MANY SPORES AS IT CAN— DIRECTLY AT THAT PILLAR OF WATER! HURRY!

IT CAN USE COTTON SPORE, CAN'T IT?!

MY COT-TON-EE?!

COT-TON SPORE ...!!

CO... COT-TONEE !!

Baa-foof!!

SPLSH SPLSH SPLSH

spt spt spt spt szzt szzt

szzt szzt

flap flap flap

THE SPORES HAVE SUCKED UP A TON OF WATER!! BRAV! DROP THEM DOWN OVER HERE!!

fwoooo

WHAT —?!

YOU KNOW, THE SOURCE OF THAT GRASS FIRE WAS YOUR COTTONEE, MR. ANDY...

CHILL OUT!

OOH, THAT MAKES ME SO MAD!

THAT MUST HAVE BEEN WHAT SPREAD THE FIRE.

IT WAS PLAYING WITH THE SMOLDERING FLAMES LEFT OVER FROM TEP'S ATTACK.

IT PROBABLY WANTED TO IMPROVE ITS SKILLS TO GET YOU TO RECONSIDER RETIRING... ESPECIALLY SINCE YOU WERE ABOUT TO GIVE UP BECAUSE YOU HAVE A HARD TIME WITH HEAT.

I THINK YOUR COTTONEE WAS JUST TRYING TO OVERCOME ITS WEAKNESS— FIRE.

TELL ME SOME-THING...

YOUNG MAN...

...COT-TON-EE!!

OHH ...

OH ...

DON'T WOR-RY!

BUT... WON'T YOUR DREAM DISAP-PEAR IF YOU DO THAT?

I GET MUSHA TO EAT MY DREAM WHEN I NEED TO CLEAR MY HEAD TO THINK ABOUT OTHER THINGS.

MY MIND IS FULL OF MY DREAM OF WINNING THE POKÉMON LEAGUE.

I HAD MUSHA, MY MUNNA, EAT MY DREAM.

OH, THAT?

WHAT WAS THAT HEAD BITING STUNT ALL ABOUT ...?

...MY DREAM, IT NEVER DIES!!

NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES I HAVE MUSHA EAT...

?

I'VE GOT AN IDEA! WHY DON'T WE FOLLOW OUR DREAMS TOGETHER?!

I WANTED TO WIN THE POKÉMON LEAGUE... BUT I LOST MY RESOLVE...

A DREAM THAT NEVER DIES...

THERE WAS A TIME WHEN MY DREAM WAS LIKE THAT TOO...

ONE, TWO ...!

ER...

COME ON!

EH?

HERE'S HOW YOU DO IT! REPEAT AFTER ME...

I'M GOING TO THE POKÉMON LEAGUE! AND I'M GONNA WIN *TOO!!*

I'M GOING TO THE POKÉMON LEAGUE! AND I'M GONNA *WIN!!*

I'M RE-ALLY, RE-ALLY, RE-ALLY, RE-ALLY GON-NA WIN!!

Ha ha ha ha!!

...HIS JUDGMENT AS A TRAINER IS CLOUDED WHEN HIS OPPONENT ATTACKS WITH A FIRE-TYPE MOVE. EVEN A LITTLE THING LIKE THAT CAN AFFECT THE COURSE OF A BATTLE...

MR. ANDY IS SENSI-TIVE TO HEAT, SO HE AVOIDS FIRE, AND...

THIS WAS MY FIRST TRAINER BATTLE, BUT IT WAS SO MUCH FUN!

THAT'S WHAT I LEARNED TODAY!

OWN

ALL RIGHT! LET'S GO!!

TMP

...THE DREAM HE RECOMMITTED TO TODAY IS STRONG ENOUGH TO ATTRACT MUSHA TO HIM!!

BECAUSE ...

...WILL OVERCOME HIS WEAKNESS AND COMPETE IN THE POKÉMON LEAGUE !!

I KNOW MR. ANDY ...

...WE'LL CHALLENGE A GYM LEADER!!

NEXT...